Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 20 TO MARCH 24, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'99/ Month'98	Comments
Retail Sales ($millions)	January			
Alberta	2,579	-0.1%	8.6%	In January, Alberta retail sales fell by 0.1% from December, however were up 8.6% from January 1999, the third highest growth behind New Brunswick (11.2%) and P.E.I. (10.8%).
Canada	22,550	0.0%	6.7%	
Consumer Price Index	February			
Alberta	114.7	0.0%	2.8%	Alberta's CPI remained unchanged from January. On a year-over-year basis, Alberta's inflation was only marginally higher than the national average, after running much higher for most of the past year. Alberta's inflation in February ranked tied with P.E.I. and New Brunswick for fifth highest among provinces. Calgary had the seventh highest inflation among 18 major cities, at 2.8%.
Canada	112.0	0.5%	2.7%	
Manufacturing Shipments ($millions)	January			
Alberta	3,223	-0.2%	23.0%	In January, Alberta's shipments were down 0.2%, from December and up 23.0% from January 1999. The largest gains were experienced in the petroleum and coal products (mostly reflecting higher prices), and primary metals sectors. The largest losses were in the clothing and non-metallic minerals sectors.
Canada	43,727	1.1%	11.6%	